

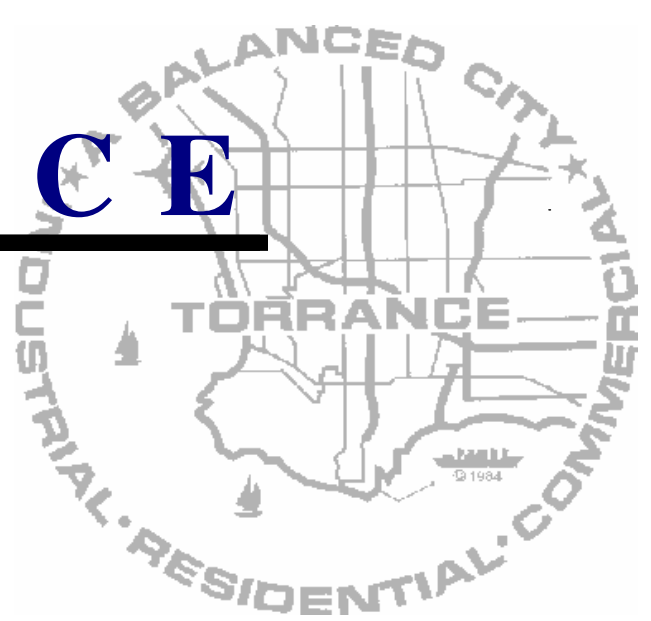
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## *Press Release*

*Police Department*

### **Suspect Arrested in Commercial Vandalism Series DR 090045499**



The Torrance Police Department has been investigating a series of vandalisms affecting commercial businesses in the City of Torrance. In these cases, the suspect has been breaking the windows of businesses along a number of major thoroughfares in the City, with heavy concentration on the businesses located on Hawthorne Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard. In these crimes, the suspect has used an air-rifle (pellet gun or similar type weapon) to damage the front windows of the locations. Several businesses have been the target of this vandalism on multiple occasions.

This vandalism series dates as far back as the summer of 2008. The impact on the commercial business owners has been devastating with well over 150 separate vandalism cases being reported, and potentially many more unreported or occurring in neighboring jurisdictions.

Through a combination of Department resource flexibility, partnership and cooperation from our business community, and the public's support, an arrest was made on the evening of July 8, 2009. Gary Matthew Finmark, 44 years of age, of Torrance was arrested for felony vandalism and is being held on \$2.1 million bail in the Torrance Police Department jail.

Investigators are continuing to piece together the scope / brevity of Finmark's criminal conduct in this case. The case will be presented to the District Attorney's Office later in the week for criminal filing.

This investigation continues under the direction of Captain David Smith, Commander of the Torrance Police Department Special Operations Bureau. Any information about this

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